

In 2003, the United States Congress displayed selected work from Master Yee during an art exhibition held in the Gold Room in the House Office Building. He has been recognized by the Royal Academy of Arts of the United Kingdom, and the Organization of American States.

I commend Master Wan Ko Yee's artistic contributions and his efforts to promote peace through the arts and cultural exchange.

CONGRATULATING J.A. REINHARDT AND CO., INC ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN MOUNTAIN-HOME, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., of Mountainhome, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its 60th anniversary in business.

From humble beginnings in 1947, two brothers, Jack and Bob Reinhardt, from Brooklyn, New York, returned from military service in the United States Army to relocate to Mountainhome in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. There, armed with only a dream and a small bank loan, they began manufacturing engraved signs for local resorts and banks in the basement of the family home.

By 1950, the company had expanded to 2,400 square feet and was supplying components to major aircraft manufacturers. Over the next half century the firm would undergo dramatic growth to meet the needs of customers.

Today, J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., is proud to be associated with some of the premier aerospace and high technology firms in the world. Now at 75,000 square feet, the company boasts such customers as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Harris and ITT, as well as clients as far away as Israel and Turkey.

Before Jack Reinhardt passed away, he witnessed the company he and his brother founded develop into a premier producer of precision machined and fabricated products.

Since this world-class company was founded in the entrepreneurial spirit that helped build this great nation, it has provided hundreds of people with an opportunity to earn family-sustaining wages.

J.A. Reinhardt and Company, Inc., has also generated business for its neighbors and has become a major force in the economy of the Pocono Mountains. All this because two young men were willing to take a risk six decades ago, were willing to work hard and were blessed with the ability to encourage the best from themselves and their employees.

The J.A. Reinhardt Company, Inc. has truly been a partner in the defense of the United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bob Reinhardt and the late Jack Reinhardt for having the determination and fortitude to persevere so that the business they founded could survive and flourish and serve as an example to aspiring entrepreneurs everywhere.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PECHANGA INDIAN TRIBE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Reservation in Temecula, California.

For more than 10,000 years, the Pechanga have lived in the Temecula Valley region of Southern California, where they have been stewards of the land. The Pechanga lived peacefully on this land and prospered until the arrival of Spanish missionaries at the end of the 18th Century.

For the next 75 years after the arrival of the Missions, the Pechanga faced a dark period of pain and oppression in servitude to the missionaries. Eventually, they were forcefully removed from their land and relocated to the hills south of Temecula. It was not until June 27, 1882, by an executive order by President Chester A. Arthur that a reservation was established upon a portion of the lands historically belonging to the Pechanga tribe.

After the establishment of the reservation, the tribe faced many challenges including floods, fires, droughts, economic scarcity, and disease. Yet through these challenges the Pechanga managed to maintain their customs, tradition, language, desire for self-determination, and hope for a better tomorrow.

Now the Pechanga are at a point where the present and the future look much brighter than the past. Members of the tribe have a sense of optimism that they can build a better life for their people and the Temecula Valley as a whole. They have the economic resources to create opportunities for thousands of California families, and they work to maintain a strong and respectful relationship with the federal government.

It is my sincere hope that the next 125 years will be even brighter and more prosperous for the Pechanga Tribe, the Temecula Valley, and our great nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED J. AUDI

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stickley furniture maker Alfred J. Audi.

Mr. Audi passed away peacefully on September 29, surrounded by his loving family. Together with his wife and partner Aminy, Alfred Audi presided over the L. & J.G. Stickley Furniture company, founded in 1900 and inspired by the American Arts and Crafts pioneer Gustav Stickley of Syracuse, New York.

After graduating from Moses Brown School and Colgate University, Mr. Audi served three years in New York City's 42nd Infantry Division while working as president of E.J. Audi, Inc., a successful New York City furniture retailer founded by his family in 1928. In 1974,

Alfred and his wife Aminy purchased the fledgling Stickley Furniture in Fayetteville, New York at the urging of Leopold Stickley's widow Louise who feared the company's commitment to quality and strong design would be lost without Audi's leadership at the helm.

Over the next 33 years, Alfred and Aminy together grew Stickley from a company close to extinction with a 22 person workforce in a small, outdated factory to a 1600 employee manufacturing and sales operation and furniture design leader with three factories in Manlius, New York, North Carolina, and Vietnam. In addition, Stickley boasts of 13 retail showrooms in five States and a network of 125 dealers across the globe.

In nurturing Stickley back to health, Alfred reintroduced Stickley's signature Mission style furniture to the market and greatly influenced current arts and crafts trends in home and furniture design. Besides their work with Stickley, Alfred and Aminy have resurrected three other furniture companies on the verge of collapse in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and North Carolina.

In addition to his success in the business world, Alfred Audi exhibited tremendous athletic accomplishment on the bowling alley, squash and racquetball court, as well as the golf course. In 2004, Alfred won the New York State Super Senior Golf Championship. Mr. Audi also leaves a legacy of community involvement and philanthropy, having been a member of numerous boards and commissions.

Alfred Audi is survived by his loving wife of 43 years Aminy, son Edward, daughters Carolyn and Andrea, son-in-law Michael, three grandchildren, and 1600 proud members of the Stickley family. Even today, the company Alfred and Aminy resurrected remains a dedicated family-run operation.

For his contributions to business, the furniture industry, and the greater Central New York community, I honor my dear friend and supporter Alfred J. Audi for a lifetime of accomplishment. Al Audi's success proves that you can be successful in business in Upstate New York while passionately committed to a quality product, your employees and their families.

WILSON FAMILY CELEBRATES BIRTH OF GRANDDAUGHTER EMILY RUTH WILSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, October 1st was a special day for the Wilson family with the birth of Emily Ruth Wilson at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. She is the first daughter of Add and Lauren Wilson. Add is a Navy doctor assigned to the Navy SEALs on the East Coast. She weighs 7 pounds 6 ounces and is 20¼ inches in length. Emily Ruth has two older brothers, Addison, III, age 4 and Houston, age 2.

Emily Ruth is a particularly noteworthy addition to our family. She is the first female Wilson born into the family since 1919. As happy paternal grandparents, I and my wife, Roxanne are delighted to welcome her as she joins our two grandsons, four sons, and two brothers.